## 2015 Top Ten Names for Dogs and Cats in Newcastle

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What do you think the top ten most popular names for dogs and cats in 2015 were in your community? Did your pet make the cut? Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC) partnered with the office of Councilmember Reagan Dunn, who represents the City of Newcastle on the Metropolitan King County Council, to bring you the top ten names of licensed pets in 2015. This data comes from RASKC which serves Newcastle, 24 other cities, and King County's unincorporated communities.

"Licensing your pets is one of the most important things you can do as a pet owner," said Councilmember Dunn. "Licensing your pet not only helps to protect your pet if it ever becomes lost, it also helps fund the life-saving work of Regional Animal Services of King County

Pet owners who register their pets with RASKC can rest assured that found pets can be reunited quickly with their owner. Your pet can even get a free ride home the first time it's found, letting you skip a trip to the animal shelter.

## The Top Ten Pet Names in the City of Newcastle are:

Dogs	Cats
1. Bailey 2. Buddy 3. Bella 4. Lucy 5. Rocky 6. Cody	1. Jack 2. Lucy 3. Bear 4. Boo 5. Button 6. Chloe
7. Lucky 8. Sadie 9. Zoe 10.Gracie	7. Gabby 8. Kiki 9. Leo 10.Maggie

"A license on a lost pet increases the likelihood they are brought home," said Newcastle Mayor Steve Buri. "When you purchase a license you are also supporting the lifesaving work of Regional Animal Services, a group on a mission to put pets in good homes instead of putting them down."

License fees not only support the return of hundreds of lost pets to their homes but they also help thousands of homeless pets to new families every year. There are plenty of cats and dogs and other pets with unique names at the County's animal shelters, plus, some without a name that are waiting for a home. Pet license fees also fund investigation of animal neglect or cruelty, spay/neuter programs to

reduce pet over-population, and community education services. RASKC services are made possible with the help of over 450 volunteers.

"Our whole region benefits when pets are licensed," said RASKC manager Gene Mueller. "Licensed pets are returned home more quickly, and licensing supports the work that we do at Regional Animal Services to improve the lives of people and pets throughout King County."

If you live in the RASKC service area, there are more than 300 convenient locations, including many city halls and QFC stores, in King County where you can purchase a pet license. Check <a href="www.kingcounty.gov/pets">www.kingcounty.gov/pets</a> for a place near you or call 206-296-7387 (PETS).

EDITORS: To find out the Top Ten Names for Dogs and Cats throughout King County, go to:

http://kingcounty.gov/council/news/2016/January/01-04-RD-petnames.aspx